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BENJAMIN HOSKINS PADDOCK

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Benjamin Hoskins Paddock, an escaped Federal prisoner who reportedly has suicidal tendencies and is known to his associates as "Chromedome," "Old Baldy," and "Big Daddy," is on the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

He escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at La Tuna, Texas, on December 31, 1968, while serving a 20-year sentence for robbing a Phoenix, Arizona, bank in 1960. He had additionally been indicted for two additional Phoenix bank robberies in 1959 and 1960 but was not tried due to his other bank robbery conviction.

When arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, on bank robbery charges, Paddock attempted to run down an FBI Agent with his car. During an earlier arrest in Missouri, he was armed with a cleverly concealed snub-nosed revolver.

In addition to bank robbery, Paddock has been convicted of automobile larceny and confidence game.

A white American, born at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1926, Paddock is 6'4" tall, weighs 245 pounds, has gray or green eyes, a large build and medium complexion. He is blond and balding but his head may be completely shaved. He may wear glasses or contact lenses and is an avid bridge player. He has been employed as a salesman, service station operator, promoter, electrician and automobile mechanic and has enjoyed hobbies as a ham radio operator and stock car racer.

Paddock, described as a glib, arrogant, smooth-talking "confidence man," reportedly smokes cigars and cigarettes, likes steaks, desserts, gambling, television, baseball and softball.

A Federal warrant, charging Paddock with violating the Escape and Rescue Statute, was issued at El Paso, Texas, on February 3, 1969.

Paddock is considered armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.